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Regional Banks and Reserve Board.

Much importance attaches to the work Secretary McAdoo and Houston now have in hand. The foundations for the new currency scheme must be carefully laid, and yet promptness is necessary. The country awaits with great interest the decision of those officials as to the number and locations of the regional banks.

Of course there is rivalry among the leading cities for the honors and opportunities to be conferred. In a way, it is the cutting of a pie. A slice is highly desirable, but not every platter held up can be rewarded. The pastry is not that large.

But we need not doubt that the two services will make the distribution with an eye to justice and the public welfare. Neither is a politician, though both are good party men. Mr. McAdoo represents business ability developed in New York, while Mr. Houston represents a knowledge of practical agriculture gained in the fruitful middle region of the country. Both have met more politicians in the past nine months than in all their lives before.

But the more important work—and it is the most important work in the way of patronage he has yet undertaken—rests with the President. He is to name the members of the federal reserve board, and upon his choice of those functionaries may depend the success of the new measure. The right men will inspire confidence at once—and that is very necessary—and proceed with a knowledge of what is called for.

The President, it is stated, has a list of names with him, and will have other names submitted by mail when he reaches Mississippi. This will enable him to make his selections during his absence, and announce them soon after his return. There is expectation of an announcement not later than the 20th of January.

A salary of \$12,000 a year is large as government salaries go, but small when considered in relation to the requirements of a place on this board. In private affairs a man competent for high financial duties stands to get four, and even five, times as much. In nearly any of the larger cities a number of men may be found drawing large sums a year for work not so widely important as that imposed by this currency act.

Still, the President cannot go higher. He cannot bid for men against private enterprise, and yet he needs, and should have, the best.

In the congressional debate it was more than once suggested that politics might enter into the composition of this board, and, later, into the board's performances. But this was challenged by the supporters of the measure, who "went ball" for both the President and the men of his choice. They pledged for him and his party that public interests alone should govern in the inauguration and the conduct of business so non-partisan in its very nature.

Handling the Christmas Mails.

Considering the immense volume of matter handled, the Post Office Department moved the mails in surprising manner. With the introduction of the parcel post system the people used the mails for their Christmas gift transport more than ever before, and while no reports are yet available to indicate even approximately how many of units handled, it is known that the biggest business in the history of the department has been done during the past two or three weeks. The warnings that were early sent out to urge the people to post their parcels in good season were generally heeded, and thus a large percentage of the mail matter was disposed of before what is known as the Christmas rush in normal years actually began. This was accomplished without much extension of the service, so that in the last few days by enlargements of force it was possible to transport and deliver almost on regular schedule everything that was entrusted to the government for distribution. This is an achievement of which the Postmaster General and his assistants may well be proud, and they are entitled to congratulations upon passing the severe test of efficiency with so well. Locally there is a special reason for felicitation. In the last few days it became necessary to call upon emergency help and the postmaster utilized the services of schoolboys, who proved themselves exceptionally capable and did an immense amount of work in the best of form and with a high degree of intelligence. The experience these lads gained in this wise was undoubtedly of value to them, giving them an insight to the workings of one of the government's great machines. Their selection for this service was a happy thought, and it is gratifying to learn that the result is so satisfactory to the postal authorities.

China is having its difficulties as a republic, but appears to have established a better system than the one Mexico is working on.

The Boat and the Crew.

Mr. Clark's appearance in debate in the House is not only proper but significant. In giving his voice to the administration's policies and performances, he obeys both party law and the law of self-preservation. He is a good party man, and a clear-headed and long-headed politician.

The leaders of the democratic party are all in the same boat. If she makes the voyage safely, with everything taut and trim, all will land in good shape and spirits. If she founders—and especially within the next twelve months—all will take the water together, and some may disappear never to reappear.

If the next House is republican, as the result of an appeal to the people on the democratic record to date, the administration will have received a blow from which it can hardly hope to recover. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Bryan, and even the Vice President, will suffer great impairment of prestige.

Mr. Wilson may spend in that way, perfecting himself as a soldier and adding to the efficiency of the organized militia in the District, which is after all a federal force primarily. If it is to be the policy of the government to discourage enlistments in the District National Guard, it should go the whole length and abolish the organization. A majority of the members of the guard are employed by the United States, and there can be no half way measure in this matter. It will be a serious discouragement to militia organization not only here but throughout the country to have the United States throwing obstacles, however slight, in the way of full participation by the people in this necessary first reserve.

When Mrs. Pankhurst reaches Switzerland and the vigilant authorities may be relied on to see that her luggage contains no petroleum or matches.

South American countries may decide to have customs officials search Cole Roosevelt's luggage for any concealed big sticks.

Occasionally a discussion of "moral uplift" falls under a suspicion of carrying concealed advertisements for purposes of revenue.

Being mayor of New York will never be as quiet and restful an occupation as being lord mayor of London.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

A Matter of Self-Protection.

"Your servants are exceedingly bad grammar."

"I pay 'em extra for it," replied Mr. Cumrox. "I'm tired of having my line of talk around the house suffering by contrast."

Change of Exercise.

The statesman who keeps busy shaking hands

While on vacation trips should not complain.

He must, to meet the popular demands, exert his biceps while he rests his brain.

Requirements.

"I suppose the bands will play 'Hail to the Chief' when you get home?"

"I suppose so," replied Senator Sorghum. "But I can't say I'll appreciate it. What a statesman in my part of the country needs is a head for figures, not an ear for music."

Trying to Agree.

"You looked very foolish when you proposed to me."

"Well, Henrietta," replied Mr. Meekton, "maybe I was."

Indorsements.

"I understand," said the Mexican dictator, "that you have amassed a considerable amount of wealth."

"Yes," replied the trembling citizen. "As a representative of industry and thrift I want to say that I indorse your policies."

"I'm not asking you to indorse my policies. What I want you to do is to get busy and indorse my notes."

A Lowbrow's Congratulations.

They told us they would find a process certain

To legislate and cheer the human race.

As on the scene they now let down the curtain.

Our statesmen make their bows with proper grace.

We hurt bouquets, and compliments we're quoting

Upon the statues that they have compiled.

And one thing with especial thanks we're noting:

The climate is particularly mild.

We don't pretend to understand the tariff.

Although we're sure it's quite the proper thing.

The tax collector and perhaps the sheriff

We know are always bound to have their fling.

The currency in all its variations

We're sure won't be discovered running wild.

But doubt obscures this one appreciation—

The climate is particularly mild.

Recipes for Long Life.

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

A Germantown woman, whose "old age serene and bright and lovely as a Lapland night" has reached the century mark, has been asked for her secret of longevity.

It is a simple one. She refuses to worry, and she keeps abreast of the times. She likes the company of the young, and she keeps abreast of the times. She likes the company of the young, and she keeps abreast of the times.

She refuses to let the calendar give the authentic clue to her age. She is as young as she feels. She serves, with Oliver Wendell Holmes, "Old Time is a liar; we're twenty tonight." Recipes for perpetual youth whose fountain Ponce de Leon sought in vain, are many and various. But there is no doubt that comparative juvenility or senility depends to a great extent upon the heart. To lose interest in all that goes on in the short cut to superannuation; to be keenly cognizant of all that is of inspiring current interest is to feel the rejuvenation of the wintered tree when the sap mounts in the spring.

The Calumet Tragedy.

From the New York Sun.

Had not President Meyer of the Western Federation of Miners publicly made the suggestion that an enemy of the striking copper miners in Michigan deliberately started the panic in which eighty lives were lost Christmas eve at Calumet, this slaughter would have been laid at the door of a fool without further thought. That even the enemy engendered in the bitterest labor dispute could sanction so horrible a thing as the deliberate taking of human life is a thing of which the world has never heard. The men and women who are the backbone of the labor movement are not to be accused of the crime of Calumet. Their charge will be accepted by sensible men as an evidence of their campaign of violence. Yet their base purpose abates in no degree the duty of the authorities to conduct a rigid inquiry and bring to just punishment the author of this multiple murder.

Live Christmas Trees.

From the Chicago Tribune.

The Garden Magazine again urges a suggestion it has offered before. Let the Christmas tree be living, and later be given a place in the yard. Instead of the cut tree, which passes with the season, the family would have, with luck, a continuing token of the Christmas, and further luck an increasing number of remembrances which would have a lively interest for the children. The children whom the ephemeral character of the Christmas tree is, in its dry, yellow, ashen place in the yard, would have a living tree, and the cheerful spruce or balsam the addition of a young tree to the lawn is sufficient incentive.

Nothing in Names.

From the Boston Transcript.

The fellow who named the little window at the depot the "bureau of information" is probably the same humorist who christened the place where he goes to hire a cook an "intelligence" office.

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BLACKS, BLUES AND PLAIN COLORS AND FANCY MIXTURES, IN MANY PRACTICAL AND DESIRABLE STYLES.

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\$25.00 Taupe Coats.....	\$18.50
\$32.50 Black Brocade Plush Coats.....	\$18.50
\$25.00 Eponge Coats.....	\$18.50
\$25.00 Mixture Coats.....	\$18.50
\$25.00 Zibeline Coats.....	\$18.50
\$25.00 Chinchilla Coats.....	\$18.50
\$25.00 Cut Chinchilla Coats.....	\$18.50
\$25.00 Caracal Cloth Coats.....	\$18.50
\$25.00 Corduroy Coats.....	\$18.50
\$35.00 Brocade Velvet Coats.....	\$25.00
\$35.00 Taupe Plush Coats.....	\$25.00
\$35.00 Black Brocade Coats.....	\$25.00
\$35.00 Striped Velour Coats.....	\$25.00
\$45.00 Black Plush Coats.....	\$25.00
\$45.00 Seal Plush Coats.....	\$25.00
\$45.00 Wool Plush Coats.....	\$25.00
\$45.00 Mole Plush Coats.....	\$25.00
\$50.00 Mole Plush Coats.....	\$25.00
\$50.00 Brocade Silk Velvet Coats.....	\$25.00

Evening Coats and Wraps.

GRACEFULLY DRAPED STYLES, OF PLAIN AND WONDERFULLY RICH BROCADED FABRICS IN DISTINCTIVE MODES OF EXCLUSIVE REFINEMENT.

\$47.50 Broadcloth Coats.....	\$25.00
\$55.00 Broadcloth Coats.....	\$27.50
\$35.00 Broadcloth Coats.....	\$29.50
\$95.00 Crepe de Chine Coats.....	\$55.00
\$67.50 Broadcloth Coats.....	\$47.50
\$45.00 Plush Coats.....	\$35.00
\$50.00 Brocade Plush Coats.....	\$35.00
\$57.50 Plush Coats.....	\$39.50
\$67.50 Brocade Chiffon Coats.....	\$50.00
\$75.00 Brocade Plush Coats.....	\$52.50
\$85.00 Pannet Velvet Coats.....	\$62.50
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BROADCLOTHS, CHEVIOTS, SERGES, FANCY MATERIALS AND VELVETS. EVERY STYLE FROM SEVEREST TO QUITE ELABORATE.

\$25.00 Serge Suits.....	\$18.75
\$29.50 Cheviot Suits.....	\$18.75
\$35.00 Tailored Suits.....	\$29.50
\$39.50 Tailored Suits.....	\$29.50
\$50.00 Cloth and Velvet Suits.....	\$32.50
\$60.00 Cloth Suits.....	\$42.50
\$67.50 Cloth Suits.....	\$45.00
\$75.00 Cloth Suits.....	\$50.00
\$100.00 Pannet Velvet Suits.....	\$72.50

Misses' Dresses—Reduced.

\$10.00 Serge Dresses.....	\$5.00
\$15.00 Serge Dresses.....	\$8.75
\$16.50 Serge Dresses.....	\$9.75
\$18.75 Checked Serge Dresses.....	\$10.75
\$25.00 Serge Dresses.....	\$12.75
\$25.00 Velvet Dresses.....	\$16.50
\$29.50 Velvet Dresses.....	\$19.50
\$25.00 Crepe de Chine Dresses.....	\$16.50
\$29.50 Crepe de Chine Dresses.....	\$19.50
\$35.00 Crepe de Chine Dresses.....	\$25.00

Misses' Coats—Reduced.

\$12.50 Woolen Cloth Coats.....	\$8.50
\$15.00 Diagonal Serge Coats.....	\$9.75
\$15.00 Chinchilla Coats.....	\$9.75
\$18.50 Wool Plush Coats.....	\$12.50
\$20.00 Chinchilla Coats.....	\$12.50
\$25.00 Chinchilla Coats.....	\$18.50
\$25.00 Plush Coats.....	\$18.50
\$35.00 Taupe Plush Coats.....	\$25.00

Misses' Suits—Reduced.

\$25.00 Tailored Suits.....	\$18.75
\$29.50 Tailored Suits.....	\$18.75
\$35.00 Tailored Suits.....	\$29.50

Women's \$5.00 Silk Waists, \$2.95.

Broken lots and incomplete assortments that must be disposed of without delay; black and white shades, and styles we cannot duplicate. All sizes in the complete lot, but not all sizes in any one particular model. Regular \$5.00 Waists reduced to \$2.95.

\$5.75 and \$6.75 Silk Waists....\$3.95

Messaline, Chiffon and also Shadow Lace Waists; miscellaneous lots show how prominently they have figured in the choice of women. They are all good styles, many of our most popular numbers being included. New models are arriving, so we must dispose of these. Regularly \$5.75 and \$6.75, reduced to \$3.95.

Girls' Coats—Reduced.

(Sizes 6 to 14.)

\$8.75 Chinchilla Coats.....	\$5.00
\$10.00 Mixture Coats.....	\$6.75
\$12.75 Mixture Coats.....	\$8.75
\$15.00 Chinchilla Coats.....	\$10.75
\$16.50 Mixture Coats.....	\$11.75
\$18.50 Chinchilla Coats.....	\$12.50
\$25.00 Chinchilla Coats.....	\$18.50
\$18.75 Velvet Coats.....	\$12.50
\$10.00 Corduroy Coats.....	\$6.75

Women's White Cotton Waists—Reduced

Broken sizes, odd lots, some of them slightly mused and soiled; all good and attractive styles.

\$1.00 Waists.....	68c
\$1.50 Tailored Waists.....	\$1.00
\$2.50 Lingerie Waists.....	\$1.95
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\$4.50 Lingerie Waists.....	\$2.95
\$5.00 Lingerie Waists.....	\$3.95
\$5.75 Lingerie Waists.....	\$3.95
\$6.75 Lingerie Waists.....	\$3.95
\$7.75 Lingerie Waists.....	\$3.95